In Re the Application of:

ROSE et al.

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For: "PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR TREATING JOINT DISORDERS IN VERTEBRATES"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the outstanding Office Action having a mailing date of June 18, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time. thereby extending the time period for response from September 18, 2002 to December 18, 2002, as well as a check in the amount of \$460.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 31-33 as follows:

31. (Once Amended) A composition for the treatment of arthritis, stiffness, joint mobility and joint pain in vertebrates, comprising: